

TOWN OF BROADALBIN

201 UNION MILLS RD
BROADALBIN, NY 12025
518-883-4657
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
February 11, 2025

TOWN OFFICIALS

Town Supervisor- Joseph DiGiacomo-present
Town Board Member- Doug Kissinger-present
Town Board Member – David Bardascini-present
Town Board Member – David Bogardus-present
Town Board Member – Mike Rorick-present

Call to Order – Supervisor Joseph DiGiacomo 6:30 p.m.
Pledge of Allegiance was said in unison led by Mrs. Palmateer.
Roll Call – Town Clerk

Present

Planning Board Member Jay Abrams
Highway Superintendent Sandy Thompson

Public Comment none at this time.

Acceptance of Minutes from Organizational Meeting of 1-7-2025.

On a motion made by Councilman Rorick and seconded by Councilman Kissinger
RESOLUTION #2025-57 APPROVAL OF SUBMITTED MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING
BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Broadalbin Town Board approved the submitted minutes from the previous meeting mentioned above with corrections in discussion.

Discussion: - Pg. 12 Resolution #2025-30 Planning Board salary was raised 3% resulting in \$206 for the Planning Board Members and \$515 for the Planning Board Chairman to be paid quarterly for 2025. Board unanimously approved of these changes.

Pg. 8 Resolution #2025-19 Board agreed to leave the Bookkeeper's position in the 2025 Resolutions, position and salary to be determined at next budget meeting.

Pg.8 Resolution #2025-18 Councilman Bardascini read aloud from the Town Law Manual that the Deputy Supervisor cannot vote unless the Deputy is a member of the Town Board.

Vote on this correction: DiGiacomo-aye Kissinger-aye Bardascini-nay Bogardus-aye Rorick-aye

DEPARTMENT REPORTS**Town Supervisor**

- Supervisor DiGiacomo stated we received thank you notes from the Union Mills Rural Cemetery and the Mayfield-Broadalbin Cemetery for the Towns' donation increase this year.
- Sales tax went down in the fourth quarter of (2024) by 4% from last year (2023) at that time, despite it being during the Christmas Holiday Season.

Assessor –Marti Young not present. Councilman Rorick, liaison to the Assessor's Office stated they have been busy with Star Enhanced Applications and catching up on permit information. Also Assessor Miriam Young requested better communications from the Code Enforcer.

-Councilman Bardascini inquired as to why a previous assessor is making recommendations for the Code Enforcer, which was written on the request.

Building and Grounds –Councilman Rorick stated he received a note from Brenda Nelligan, the cleaning person, stating the Ladies Room fan is making a horrible noise and some light bulbs need to be replaced throughout the Town Hall.

- Supervisor DiGiacomo stated perhaps we can change out bulbs to LED's to save money and they last longer. Also the urinal will be checked to see why it is needed to be flushed twice.

Code Enforcer Tom DiCaprio not present but permits so far this year consist of (1 shed, 1 modular building and 1 residential roof top solar).

Dog Control Officer –Dale Potts not present

Highway Superintendent

- Sandy Thompson stated The Charlton Snow Mobile Club was granted permission to extend their trail in the front of the Town Park, which is now marked. The previous trail through the Town Park has not been extended due to the fact the adjoining land owner does not permit the trail on her property. Lake access to the trail is in question this year.
- Sandy stated recently Gov. Hochul has closed down some salt mines but the Town hasn't had any problem so far purchasing salt. The Town has been going through a lot of salt this year due to many storms. Sandy also stated the State and County are using straight salt on their roads, while the Town uses a mix depending on the storm.
- Sandy stated we are still waiting on the box for the new plow truck.
- Discussion took place on the sale of the 2008 Loader to Volvo with the salesman, Chris Eaton, stating to Sandy that there was a miscommunication of trade in price due to the current condition. Sandy stated we would be taking a gamble if the 2008 Loader was placed on Auction International and the Town would be charged @ \$6,000 for a rental fee for using the new Loader the Town planned on purchasing.
- Sandy stated she would like to keep our forks instead of purchasing new ones to go with the new Loader since our forks fit, therefore saving @\$5,000.-Supervisor DiGiacomo stated the purchase agreement was made verbally as a proposal, not a contract, stating the maximum the Town can spend is \$180,000.

Continued discussion; Sandy stated without the trade in value we would receive of \$17,000, the price would be @ \$196,000.

On a motion made by Councilman Bogardus and seconded by Councilman Bardascini
A motion allowing the purchase of the New Loader for @\$179,000 with the trade in value of the 2008 Volvo Loader presently owned at \$17,000.

No further discussion;

VOTE: DiGiacomo-aye Kissinger-aye Bardascini-aye Bogardus-aye Rorick-aye

-Councilman Bardascini thanked the Town Road Crew stating that the Town roads are better kept than the State or County roads during the last storms.

-Councilman Rorick agreed and stated the Town Road Crew is doing a great job.

Justice Court – Councilman Kissinger, the liaison to the Court, read aloud the Court Report for December 2024 as follows;

Total fines and fees collected was \$4,063 of which \$719 were old fines.

Total cases; 58 closed tickets; 49 VTL; 47 PL; 0 Civil; 2 LO; 0 and 0 DEC.

January 2025 total fines and fees collected was \$3,316.50 of which were old fines from 2024.

Total cases; 81 closed tickets; 54 VTL; 34 PL; 12 Civil; 4 LO; 0 and 4 DEC.

-Supervisor DiGiacomo stated he has a Resolution before him from Sheriff Giardino regarding the Town's use of Fulton County Sheriffs for Court Constables. In the Resolution it states the County wants the Town Constables to be contracted through the County, with the Town paying the going rates, along with benefit pay, such as Workmen's Comp. Judge Gilston was contacted about this change and he stated he needs constables for the safety of Court.

-Councilman Bardascini stated Sheriff Giardino wanted this before but the Board was worried about the cost with benefits to the Town stating it was estimated at @ \$50-\$60 per hour per Constable with @ a 2% administration fee. He also stated perhaps the Village could chip in for Constables since the Town has taken over court for the Village.

-After much discussion the Board agreed to ask Sheriff Giardino to come to the March 11, 2025 meeting to explain and discuss the resolution presented this evening, prior to voting.

Planning Board-Mike Crispin not present but Jay Abrams Planning Board Member stated he had to leave early at the last meeting, so unsure of results.

-Councilman Rorick stated he attended the last Planning Board meeting saying that 2 minor subdivisions are moving forward with one needing DOT approval to access Route 29 for Amish Shed sales.

Town Clerk – stated she sent letters to the two junkyard owners regarding the increase to permits from \$25 to \$100/year. Supervisor DiGiacomo stated he heard from one of the owners and he had no issue with the increase.

Youth Commission

-Supervisor DiGiacomo presented the Board with a resolution to formally dissolve the previous agreement with the Broadalbin Youth Commission since now the Youth Commission is a (501 C3) and no longer is operating as a collaborative enterprise. Because it states that all financial debts, obligations, receipts and accounts related to the joint operation of the prior agreement have been settled, the Board agreed to have the Town Attorney review this resolution prior to voting, due to the fact that the BYC claims they will make payments on the construction BOND balance of the Town Park.

-This resolution will be revisited at the March 11, 2025 Town Board Meeting.

LEGISLATION

-Supervisor DiGiacomo presented the Board with the Fire Contract which was not received prior to this meeting. The request for the 2025 budget was presented but the contract was not.

On a motion made by Councilman Bardascini and seconded by Councilman Rorick
**RESOLUTION #2025-58 AUTHORIZING THE CONTRACT WITH THE BROADALBIN KENNYETTO
FIRE COMPANY. INC.**

WHEREAS, the Town of Broadalbin is desirous to enter into a contract between the Broadalbin Kenneytto Fire Co., Inc. to furnish the residents of the Town of Broadalbin with fire protection in the period covering January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the cost to the Town of Broadalbin for said services over said period being in the amount of \$156,800; and

WHEREAS, a copy of the contract being attached hereto, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that the attached contract is hereby authorized.

No further discussion;

VOTE: DiGiacomo-aye Kissinger-aye Bardascini-aye Bogardus-aye Rorick-aye

-Councilman Bardascini requested aloud the positions up for election at the end of 2025.

-Two Board Members, the Town Clerk, The Town Supervisor, Tax Collector, one Assessor, and one Town Judge.

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The Town Board requested the Town Clerk advertise for an opening to the Board of Assessment Review and to address other vacancies on all Town Boards to review at March 11, 2025 meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

- Councilman Bardascini and Councilman Bogardus have been reviewing and updating the Town Building permits with some changes that they would like to be reviewed by the Town Attorney.
- Councilman Rorick inquired if the changes have been reviewed by the Code Enforcer, Tom DiCaprio, and if there is a statement in writing between commercial and residential permits. Also stating we need the support of judges if these matters are in question.
- Councilman Bardascini stated some projects may need to be reviewed by the Planning Board, and they are requesting that all permits now be notarized by the Town Clerk.
- Supervisor DiGiacomo stated permits should have been closely reviewed by the Code Enforcer all along.
- Councilman Rorick inquired how we go forward if sales tax continues to decrease, should taxes have been increased.
- Supervisor DiGiacomo stated our 2025 budget is budgeted well so there wouldn't have been any reason to have raised taxes.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval to pay vouchers (claims)

Prepaid	\$58,262.31
General	14,307.85
General OV	1,009.35
Highway	234,088.06 + (\$179,472 for New Loader)
Total	\$307,667.57

On a motion made by Councilman Bardascini and seconded by Councilman Kissinger

RESOLUTION #2025-59 APPROVAL TO PAY VOUCHERS (CLAIMS)

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Broadalbin Town Board authorizes the payment of the vouchers in the amount of \$307,667.57.

No further discussion;

VOTE: DiGiacomo-aye Kissinger-aye Bogardus-aye Bardascini-aye Rorick-aye

ADJOURNMENT 7:35 P.M.

On a motion made by Councilman Bardascini and seconded by Councilman Bogardus
The February 11, 2025 Town of Broadalbin Town Board meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted

Cheryl Briggs